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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Applicant(s)</b>
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## Status

1)  Responsive to communication(s) filed on 21 April 2006.

2a)  This action is **FINAL**.                            2b)  This action is non-final.

3)  Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

## Disposition of Claims

4)  Claim(s) 1-19 is/are pending in the application.  
4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.  
5)  Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.  
6)  Claim(s) 1-19 is/are rejected.  
7)  Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.  
8)  Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

## Application Papers

9)  The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10)  The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a)  accepted or b)  objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11)  The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

12)  Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).  
a)  All    b)  Some \* c)  None of:  
1.  Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.  
2.  Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.  
3.  Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

1)  Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)  
2)  Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)  
3)  Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.  
4)  Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. \_\_\_\_\_.  
5)  Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)  
6)  Other: \_\_\_\_\_.  
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## DETAILED ACTION

### *Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103*

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 1, 3-4, 8 and 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Gaillard (U.S. Pub. No. 20030028458) in view of Stoutenburg (U.S. Pub. No. 20030222135)

Regarding to claim 1, Gaillard teaches a method of exchanging payment information in an electronic transaction, comprising:

a) a first electronic transaction device transferring payment information to a second electronic transaction device (See figs. 1 and 3, first electronic transaction device's item 28 (PPITCD (smart card) 28) and second electronic transaction device's item 12 (debit machine 12) and page 2, session [0019-0020]).

b) the second electronic transaction device transferring value information to the first electronic transaction device (See figs. 1 and 3, second electronic transaction device's item 12 transferring value information (see fig. 1, amount payable = 236.75 US\$) to first electronic transaction device's item 28, and page 2, session [0021-0022]).

c) the second electronic transaction device transferring value information and payment information to a service consolidation center (see figs. 1 and 3, second electronic transaction device's item 12 and information to a service consolidation center item 18 (Financial Institution), and page 2, session [0026]). And (See page 8, sessions [0237-0247]).

Still regarding claim 1, Gaillard fails to teach a newly added a virtual card. Such teaching is taught by Stoutenburg (see page 12, sections [0131-0132] on the issuance of physical stored value card or a virtual stored value card such Virtual card).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time invention was made to modify above teaching of Gaillard with Stoutenburg, in order to provide user with the virtual card via email or the virtual card to a merchant to consummate a particular transaction (see Stoutenburg page 12, section [0132]).

Regarding to claim 3, Stoutenburg teaches the value information comprises a virtual card authorization code (see page 12, section [0130-0131] with Unique Identify and a PIN code).

Regarding to claim 4, Stoutenburg teaches wherein the virtual card comprises an image of a card (see fig. 10 document Imager, for merchants to process multiple types of electronic-payment and other transactions, and issuance of coupons on the document Imager and display virtual store value such virtual card, that is comprises an image of a card, page 3, section [0040] and page 12, section [0131-0132]).

Regarding to claim 8, Gaillard teaches the payment information comprises credit payment information (see page 1, session [0005]).

Regarding to claim 18, Stoutenburg teaches wherein the virtual card comprising a digital representation of information corresponding to information stored on a physical card (see page

12, section [0131-0132] since the physical card or virtual card to a merchant to consummate a particular transaction. So that the virtual card comprising a digital representation of information corresponding to information stored on a physical card.

3. Claims 5-7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Gaillard (U.S. Pub. No. 20030028458) in view of Stoutenburg (U.S. Pub. No. 20030222135) further in view of Resnick (U.S. Pub. No. 20010001321).

Regarding claim 5, Gaillard teaches the value information (see figs. 1 and 3). But Gaillard or Stoutenburg fails to teach a quantity of minutes corresponding to pre-paid telephone account.

However, Resnick teaches a quantity of minutes corresponding to pre-paid telephone account (see page 1, session [0004], lines 1-18).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time invention was made to modify above teaching of Gaillard and Stoutenburg and by the teaching of Resnick on pre-paid telephone account thereto in order to provide user with the convenience for prepaid wireless service.

Regarding to claim 6, Gaillard teaches the payment information (see fig. 1). But Gaillard or Stoutenburg fails to teach the cash payment information.

However, Resnick teaches the cash payment information (see fig. 2, page 1, session [0003] and session [0006]).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time invention was made to modify above teaching of Gaillard and Stoutenburg and by the teaching of Resnick on cash payment thereto in order to provide the convenience for user with cash payments at a multitude of merchant locations.

Regarding to claim 7, the cash payment information includes an identification of a person is providing a cash payment. That is obvious to create a trace of their subscriber and created a profile for each subscriber whether they use cash or credit card.

4. Claims 9 -11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Stoutenburg (U.S. Pub. No. 20030222135) in view of Johnson (U. S. Patent No. 6535726).

Regarding to claim 9, Stoutenburg teaches the method of tracking retail sales of pre-paid cards to cash subscribers (see page 13, section [0135]) comprising

a); an entering value purchased information and subscriber information in a retailer electronic transaction device (see page 14, sections [0146-0148] see enter the value into POS device 130 via keypad, the value can be added and a mount is to be added to existing phone card and card information)

b) the retailer electronic transaction device transferring the value purchased information and subscriber information to a network (see page 14, sections [0147-0149])

c) the customer can adding value corresponding to the value purchased information to an account corresponding to the subscriber information (see page 14, sections [0150-0151]). But

Stoutenburg fails to teach the transferring the value to mobile phone operator or mobile phone operator can added the value of the purchase information.

However, Johnson teaches transferring the value purchased information and subscriber information from a MO subscriber handset to the retailer electronic transaction device (see fig. 1A, Mobile phone 140, transferring information from a MO subscriber handset 140 to the retailer electronic transaction device (POS) 110, col. 4, lines 24-col. 5, line 2, and col. 7, lines 3-lines 42). And MO subscriber handset can transfer information to POS (see fig. 1A, mobile 140 send information to POS 110)

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time invention was made to modify above teaching of Stoutenburg with Johnson, in order to provide user using the mobile phone to pay purchased good in point of sale POS.

Regarding to claim 10, Stoutenburg teaches the step of entering value purchased information and subscriber information in a retailer electronic transaction device (see page 14, sections [0146-0148]). But Stoutenburg fails to teach transferring the value purchased information and subscriber information from a MO subscriber handset to the retailer electronic transaction device.

However, Johnson teaches transferring the value purchased information and subscriber information from a MO subscriber handset to the retailer electronic transaction device (see fig. 1A, Mobile phone 140, transferring information from a MO subscriber handset 140 to the retailer electronic transaction device (POS) 110, col. 4, lines 24-col. 5, line 2, and col. 7, lines 3-lines 42).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time invention was made to modify above teaching of Stoutenburg with Johnson, in order to provide user using the mobile phone to pay purchased good in point of sale POS.

Regarding to claim 11, Stoutenburg teaches manually entering the value purchased information and subscriber information into the retailer electronic transaction device (see page 14, sections [0146-0148] see manually entering the value into POS device 130 via keypad.

5. Claims 12-16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Despres (U.S. Patent No. 6434379) in view of Pitroda (U.S. Patent No. 6769607).

Regarding to claim 12, Despres teaches a method of distributing virtual pre-paid cards (see fig. 1 and 3, col. 1, lines 28-40) comprising: a) creating virtual prepaid card (see fig. 1 and 3, col. 1, lines 28-40 and col. 2, lines 25-43), b) downloading the virtual pre-paid card to the retail electronic transaction device (DECT, PHS network) (see col. 2, lines 50-col. 3, line 3, and col. 4, lines 49-52), c) and transferring virtual pre-paid card from the retail electronic transaction device (DECT, PHS network) to MO subscriber handset (see fig. 1, mobile phone 16 and 17, col. 4, lines 38-col. 6, lines 67), Despres teaches transferring virtual pre-paid card from (DECT, PHS) network (see fig. 1). But Despres fails to teach transferring virtual pre-paid card from the electronic transaction device.

However, Pitroda teaches transferring virtual pre-paid card from the electronic transaction device (see fig. 3, 5 and fig. 7, electronic transaction device 60 for transferring virtual pre-paid card from mobile phone, col. 3, lines 52-col. 4, lines 18).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time invention was made to modify above teaching of Despres with Pitroda in order to provide user with the virtual pre-paid card for using on the mobile phone.

Regarding to claim 13, Pitroda teaches the step of transferring payment information from the MO subscriber handset to the retailer electronic transaction device (see fig. 3-5).

Regarding to claim 14, Despres teaches the step of creating a virtual card is performed by an electronic transaction device service center (see fig. 1 and 3, col. 1, lines 28-40 and col. 2, lines 25-43).

Regarding to claim 15, Pitroda teaches transferring payment information and subscriber information from the MO subscriber handset to the retailer electronic transaction device (see fig. 3, mobile phone and PDA to retailer electronic transaction device and POS); transferring the payment information and subscriber information from the retailer electronic transaction device to the electronic transaction device service center (see fig. 3, POS to merchant mainframe and transaction network).

Regarding to claim 16, Despres teaches downloading the virtual card to a retailer electronic transaction device occurs via a MO switch (see fig. 1, col. 4, lines 38-48).

6. Claim 17 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Despres (U.S. Patent No. 6434379) in view of Pitroda (U.S. Patent No. 6769607) further in view of Tushie (U.S. Patent No. 6,202,155).

Regarding to claim 17, Despres or Pitroda fails to teach the step of downloading batches of virtual transaction cards to the retailer electronic transaction device.

However, Tushie teaches the step of creating a virtual card comprises creating a plurality of virtual cards and the step of downloading the virtual card to a retailer electronic transaction device comprises downloading batches of virtual transaction cards to the retailer electronic transaction device (see figs. 1-2 and 6A-B, col. 1, lines 29-40, col. 2 lines 51-67 and col. 3 lines 1-31).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time invention was made to modify above combination of Despres and Pitroda with Tushie on the downloading batches of virtual transaction cards technique thereto in order provide the issuer to identify the easier.

7. Claim 19 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Gaillard (U.S. Pub. No. 20030028458) in view of Stoutenburg (U.S. Pub. No. 20030222135) further in view of Hertzog (U.S. Pub. No. 20030069874).

Regarding to claim 19, Gaillard or Stoutenburg fails to teach wherein the virtual card comprising logo and branding information. Such teaching is taught by Hertzog (see figs. 9A-C, with picture, company, name and logo on the virtual card).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time invention was made to modify above combination of teaching of Gaillard and Stoutenburg with Hertzog, in order to provide user with display logo or name in virtual card.

***Response to Arguments***

8. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-17, have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

***Conclusion***

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiners supervisor, Anderson, Matthew D., can be reached at (571) 272-4177.

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